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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
YOJIRO TAGAWA) Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: 10/658,292) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Filed: September 10, 2003)
For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS,) December 18, 2003
IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, AND :
PROGRAM FOR IMPLEMENTING THE)
METHOD :

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

<u>FOREIGN PATENT</u>	<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>PUBLICATION DATE</u>
2000-261756	Japan	September 22, 2000

REMARKS

The JP '756 reference is cited at page 2 of the specification and is believed pertinent for the reasons set forth therein. An English translation of the Japanese reference is not readily available to Applicant's attorney, but may be provided if required by the Examiner. An English abstract for the Japanese reference obtained from a commercial data base also is submitted herewith as an English language statement of relevance for the Examiner's consideration.

FEE STATEMENT

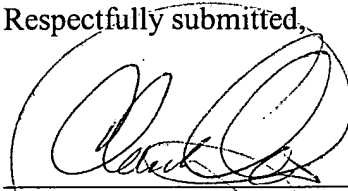
The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of the present application or prior to the mailing of a first Official Action on the merits of the application. Accordingly, Applicant believes that no fee is necessitated by the filing of this paper. Nevertheless, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher Wrist", is written over a horizontal line.

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